

REMARKS

Requirement for Election of Species

The Office Action alleged that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Species 1: Embodiment I having a cholesteric layer and no planarizers; and

Species 2: Embodiments 2-5 having polarizers.

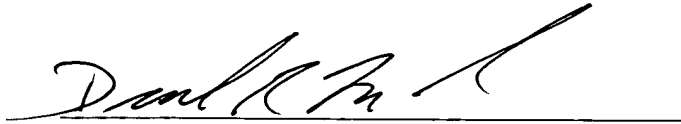
Applicants hereby elect species 2 (embodiments 2-5). Claims 9-41 directly relate to the embodiments of this species. The Office Action, however, admitted that claim 1 appeared generic to all claims. Claims 1-41 remain pending in this application and all are believed to define over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request submit that the foregoing is fully responsive to the election request and that all presently-pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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